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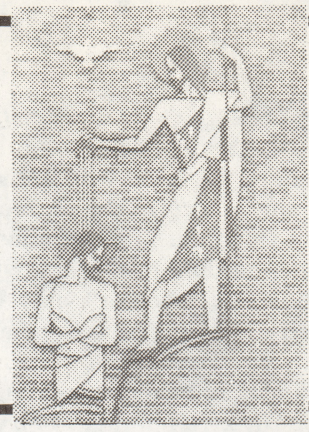


Just a Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

The Christmas greeting already mailed to all registered parishioners adequately expresses the sentiments of us who are privileged to serve this community of St. John as your Pastoral Team. May this Christmas time which celebrates Love's gentle birth be a special occasion for each of us to give thanks for the many gifts of His love shared with each other throughout the year. A joyous Christmas to all!

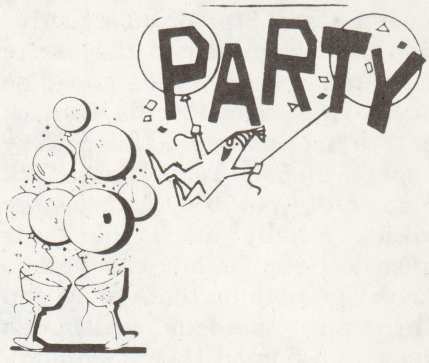
...AND THEY SANG

I have already expressed the delight and even the inspiration of our parishioners to the members of the Ypsilanti High School Choir under the direction of Mr. William Boggs. The choral group served as the choir for the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy last Sunday. Publicly, those same sentiments should be spoken here. The choir of our local public high school has every reason to hold its head high. Their performance of Mozart's "Missa Brevis" last Sunday along with a special communion motet was marked by excellence. We not only had extra reason to rejoice last weekend on "Gaudete" Sunday; we likewise can be proud of the quality of the music department in Ypsilanti High School.

...GOOD SAMARITANS NEEDED

For several years now, the Good Samaritan Auxiliary of our Washtenaw County Catholic Social Services invites each of us to be a Good Samaritan by offering personal and financial assistance to our local Catholic Social Service Agency. In this season when we can count our own blessings personally and be thankful for our families, we might express our gratitude through a gift to Catholic Social Services.

The Good Samaritan collection will be taken up next weekend, the Feast of the Holy Family. Special envelopes are available this weekend in the pews. The various categories of membership in CSS as a Good Sam are printed on the envelope flap. Mr. Joe DeVooght represents our parish on the Board of Catholic Social Services. We are grateful to Joe and to all who helped Catholic Social Services flourish in this County. The meaning of Christmas can be real throughout the year.



New Year's Eve Dance

What Are you doing on New Year's Eve?

This is your last chance to get tickets for St. John's Party!

In addition to a pleasant evening with friends, you'll dance to the Mike Andrey Trio and enjoy snacks, beer and setups, champagne to greet the new year, and a breakfast buffet at 1:00 a.m.

A table will be reserved for your party on request. Tickets are $25.00 per couple and are available during coffee and donuts after Masses, at the rectory, or from Dennis or Carole Becker (971-2507), Lee Sanford (483-4283), Dolores Sparrow (482-7111), Natalie Bowyer (482-4742) or Rita Sprague (483-3600).

Ticket sales close today, Sunday, December 24th. Be sure to call about yours now.

"Like Clay in the Hands of the Potter"

Sister Marilyn

What happened to the Potter's Shed??? Very good question!! If you take time to carefully look you will see that the shed has become the Christmas creche. The potter's wheel is gone, the clay has been formed, everything is ready and waiting, prepared and open to receive. I think today's gospel is particularly fitting in this context because it tells us of Mary's readiness to receive when the angel came. She didn't tell God's messenger to wait a while longer so that she could take time to think about it before she made a decision; her whole life had been a preparation. Mary's decisions all through her childhood and young adulthood helped her to come to this moment and allowed her to respond with an unhesitating "Yes, I am ready." Whether we speak of clay pots, or Mary or ourselves the analogy is the same. Tomorrow is Christmas day; **Am I ready?**

NOTE ON CLAY POTS...

Please bring your clay pot and vigil light to whatever Mass (6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight, 9:00, 11:00 or 12:30) you will be attending on Christmas, and leave it at the door with the ushers. The ushers will place these vessels on the wooden stands which are part of the Christmas decorations.

Thank You

Sister Marilyn

Again, thank yous are gratefully acknowledged to those who helped prepare and execute the Advent Theme for the month of December. Keith Schenher and Ron Meier who cut up over 600 pieces of clay by hand really deserve much priase for their patience and perseverance. Joe Siemer also aided us with 25 extra pounds when we ran out. Carol Stoll of Valley Drive in Ann Arbor donated the use of the potter's wheel which added so much to the scene. Pricilla Kulback lent to us many of the pottery display pieces. Tom Hines, Bill Wagner the potter's shed/manger creche. Finally much thanks is given to Gene Galley who worked the design both on the Advent and Christmas tableaus. Although Gene is in Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit we are still very lucky and grateful to be able to have him with us long distance.

To you all, my thanks and deep appreciation and that of the people here at St. John's.

Needed

Respectable Catholic woman needs room. Able to help with household chores. Call Betty Brace at 665-3108 mornings only.

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Do you have some extra room and love to share? Needed very badly is a loving, supportive foster home for a young Catholic woman and her baby. Expenses paid. Please call Jackie immediately for more information. 995-4963 afternoons and evenings.

Financial Barometer

Monday is Christmas Day. Thank the Lord for giving us that special day of faith. I don't believe it inappropriate that we consider our year long contributions to the church as adding up to a Christmas offering of love and gratitude. The offertory gives us that opportunity. We are grateful to the many who see it that way.

December 17, 1978

Sunday Offering $5,091.50

Parish Nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey P. DeLano

On Saturday evening, December 16, 1978, Jeffrey P. DeLano and Deborah S. DeBord exchanged their vows of holy marriage in our church before Fr. Doepker.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. DeLano of this parish. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy D. DeBord of Ypsilanti.

Michael DeLano and Kristine DeLano, brother and sister of the groom, were the principal witnesses for the ceremony. Mr. Melvin Light was the organist.

We wish Jeff and Debbie many years of happiness together!

Hot Breakfast Moved To January

Our usual St. Vincent de Paul sponsored 5th Sunday Hot Breakfast has been moved from December 31st to **January 7th.** The holidays are not good times to ask parishioners to give up time to help prepare and serve. We hope that many will take advantage of this delicious meal to be prepared by Leo and Mae Hayes.

Cost:
$2.25 adult plate
$1.25 children
Donation for
small children

So mark your calendars for January 7th.

New Life in Christ

Five first cousins were baptized during a Mass of Holy Baptism celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Friday, December 15, 1978.

Giovanni Christian Hines, adopted son of Scott D. and Christine L. (Ehrenberg) Hines, 213 N. Mansfield. Giovanni's godparents are Dennis and Wanda Hines.

Claudia Scott Hines, adopted daughter of Scott D. and Christian L. (Ehrenberg) Hines, 213 N. Mansfield. Claudia's sponsors are Thomas and Sandra Hines.

Sam Thomas Hines, son of Thomas R. and Sandra J. (Hays) Hines, 2955 Roundtree Blvd. Sam's sponsors in the faith are Franklin H. Reaume and Jane K. Hays.

Stacy Irene Hines, daughter of Dennis W. and Wanda L. (Mead) Hines, 5850 Huntington. Stacy's godparents are Scott and Christine Hines.

Nicholas Charles Muscato, son of Dominic C. and Kathleen Jo (Hines) Muscato, 487 Berkley. Nicholas' sponsors are Thomas Hines and Candace Reaume.

Welcome Giovanni, Claudia, Sam, Stacy and Nicholas! "We are God's children. What we shall be in his glory has not yet been revealed."

In the Peace of Christ

Lillian Conner, age 73, died on Thursday, December 14, 1978. Memorial services were held in the Geer Funeral Home on Saturday, December 16, 1978 by Fr. Harvey. Burial of remains followed in St. John Cemetery.

Lillian is survived by two sons, Stanley of Redford and Russell of California. A stepdaughter, Ruby also survives.

May she who believed in the Lord on earth live with him forever.

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, December 24 - Evening Mass of Vigil
6:00 p.m. Fred & Kim Gillman, req. by the Gillman's
Richard E. Steeby, req. by Mary Jean & children
11:30 p.m. Intention of Celebrant

MONDAY, December 25 - Christmas Day
No 7:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Louise Pryce, req. by the Family
11:00 a.m. Alpha Hinsch, req. by Helen Hinsch
12:30 p.m. Marian Louise Bauer, req. by William Bauer

TUESDAY, December 26 - St. Stephen, First Martyr
7:00 a.m. Joseph Hutting Family, req. by Mrs. George Max

WEDNESDAY, December 27 - St. John, Apostle-Evangelist
7:00 a.m. Frances Irvine, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Parin & Family
9:00 a.m. Alma Monaghan, req. by the Family

THURSDAY, December 28 - Holy Innocents, Martyrs
7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max
9:00 a.m. Florence Fowler, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donohue

FRIDAY, December 29 - Octave of Christmas/St. Thomas Becket
7:00 a.m. John Purcell, req. by the Hines Family

SATURDAY, December 30 - Octave of Christmas
9:00 a.m. Mrs. Eva Fall, req. by Dr. & Mrs. William Gracie
5:00 p.m. The Deceased Members of the Freeman and Cooch Family, req. by Susan Cooch

SUNDAY, December 31 - Holy Family
7:00 a.m. Vie G. Stockley, req. by Mrs. Carl L. Miller
9:00 a.m. Clayton & Maria Myers, req. by Olivia Dickerman
11:00 a.m. Dr. Albert Milford, req. by Dr. Michael Milford
12:30 p.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Readings for December 24th - 31st

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-11, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38, Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25

Monday: Is 9:1-5, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5; 2:2, Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Mt 2:13-15; 19-23

Intercessory Prayer

There were shepherds in that locality, living in the fields and keeping night watch over their flocks. The angel of the Lord appeared to them as the glory of the Lord shone around them. And the angel said, I come to proclaim good news to you - tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day in the city of David a savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord. Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests."

Lord, our journey through life now brings us to your birthday, the coming of the Messiah, our Lord and King. What a great honor just to know you and be your sons and daughters. What a great gift of a new life with you, to be blessed with your spirit and to no longer walk in darkness. Lord, your gifts to us we could not afford to buy so you gave them to us, the precious gift of your son Jesus. As we look around us we see the gift of having each other, the gift of a dedicated parish team, the many people who serve the parish without limit, our beautiful church, the music and the involvement of our people coming together as a body to worship freely and lovingly in Christian unity. The smiles, handshakes and loving embrace of each other, the giving of our monies, our time and energies. This and many blessings are evidence that Jesus lives among his people. Yes, Jesus we are the clay and you the potter. You make us and mold us into people who love and follow you daily. This is truly the work of your hands. Lord, we do not want to let go of you. Help us grow in faith and hope and love towards you and one another. Let us rejoice in the holy season and renew our commitment to you and one another. We thank you, Lord, for your many gifts throughout this past year. And, now, Lord, the only gift I have for you is my life, my self, my heart and I give it to you. Bless our parish team, the many workers of the parish, bless our sick, shut-ins and elderly. Bless those in need, those who have fallen away. Bless our Leisure Club for their generosity to others. Bless the Ypsi High Choir and Orchestra who helped us "rejoice" last Sunday. Bless those who helped with the Church decoration. Bless those who make it possible to broadcast our Midnight Mass. Bless all of your people, Lord, and may your grace and peace of this joyful season be upon all of us till thy kingdom comes.

Praise be Jesus!
David Rocha

Catholic Social Services

of Washtenaw County

December 11, 1978

Dear Good Samaritan:

What does Catholic Social Services do?

Last year through our Adoption Program, a three year-old girl from a Catholic orphanage in India found a home. Since the child has been with her new family, she has gained 18 pounds and has learned several English words.

Forgetful, using several kinds of medication, and very fearful of people, an 86 year-old woman couldn't manage her money, maintain her home, or fix proper meals for herself. Yet, she refused to be placed in a nursing home. Our Concrete Services worker gained the woman's confidence and mobilized community resources to permit the elderly woman to remain in her own home.

These are but two instances of help rendered by Catholic Social Services. Through the agency's efforts, counseling is provided for individuals, couples, and families, children are placed with carefully screened foster families, and persons are helped with securing basic services such as emergency food supplies and housing.

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he Fathers Forth
whose beauty
is past change

PRAISE HIM

Gerard M. Hopkins S.J.

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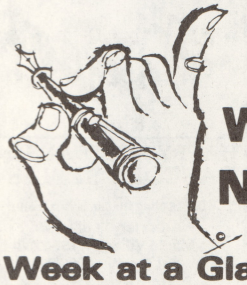
We rely heavily on your support. While we receive generous appropriations from the County United Ways and the Diocese of Lansing, it is difficult to meet the ever increasing demands for our services.

Please help by renewing your Good Samaritan membership. Your check should be made payable to Catholic Social Services. Thank you.

(Mrs.) Helen Moray,
Chairperson Good
Samaritan Auxiliary

Hugh M. Wanty, President
Board of Directors



Worth Noting

The Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, December 24
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
No High School Religious Ed. Classes
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Liturgy - Children assemble at 5:00 in Church Hall - followed by reception - hall
12:00 **Midnight** - Christmas Liturgy followed by reception - hall

MONDAY, December 25
No 7:00 a.m. Mass Today
Masses: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Merry Christmas to All!

TUESDAY, December 26
No Religious Ed Classes Today for Elementary or Jr. High
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
No Convert Class this evening
Ho High School Home Group

WEDNESDAY, December 27
No Religious Ed Classes today
6:30 p.m. Bingo in the parish hall
No Choir Practice Tonight
No SPRED Class Tonight

THURSDAY, December 28
5:30 p.m. Administration Meeting, Rectory

SATURDAY, December 30
9:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, December 31
Masses: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
New Year's Mass at 5:00 p.m.
No Preschool or High School classes

New Year's Eve Party in our Hall.
Do You Have Your Tickets Yet?
9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
1:00 a.m. - Breakfast

Seminary Information Day

The Diocese of Lansing will sponsor a **Seminary Information Day**, December 30, 1978, to acquaint interested persons with various aspects of seminary education programs. This will be especially important for college or high school men (and their parents) thinking of applying to a seminary in September of 1979. Topics to be covered include:

- descriptions of programs Lansing Seminarians presently attent,
- admission procedures,
- financial assistance information, etc.

Seminarians will be present to offer "first hand" information.

The **Seminary Information Day** will be held in the Saint Mary Cathedral Rectory, Lansing, on Saturday, December 30th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. For further details, contact the Office of Vocations.

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LITURGY

Saturday Evening:	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Holyday:	7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Daily:	7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday ... 2:30 Parkview Home Monday ... 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday ... 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30-4:40 ... Anytime by appointment.
COMMUNAL PENANCE: ... As Announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS: ... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preschool:	11:00 a.m. Sunday
Elementary:	Tuesday 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Junior High:	Tuesday 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.
Senior High:	Home Programs or Sunday Sessions
Special Education:	Arrangements made.
Adult:	As Announced.

PARISH SERVICES

Baby-sitting:	9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday
Coffee & Doughnuts:	After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses
Bingo:	Wednesday 6:45 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:15

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

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